

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

It is not believed that any of the objections or the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection apply to the presently pending claims.

Claims 31-35, 37-41, 43-46 and 66-70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO 00/24545 (Wichelhaus I). Claims 31-35, 37-41, 43-64 and 66-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wichelhaus US 6,479,103 (Wichelhaus II). Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejection.

The Examiner acknowledges that this reference fails to teach a composition containing the pigments in the claims ratio per claim 31, the pigment ratio of claim 32 nor the component ratio of claim 46. Nonetheless, the Examiner concludes that the claim is obvious. As the Examiner admits, neither of these references disclose the ratios of claim 32, which have now been incorporated into claim 31. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not disclose a blend of pigments having the claimed ration and there is no hint or suggestion that one should do so. Thus, these rejections must be withdrawn.

Claims 31-35, 37-50, 53-63 and 65-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Soltwedel. Applicants respectfully traverse.

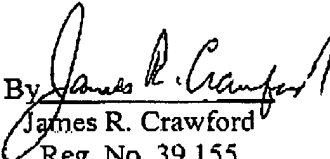
The Examiner alleges that this reference discloses ranges that overlap with those of claim 32. However, claim 31 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 32, and it is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references specifically disclose that feature with the particular ranges. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in

this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-DNAG-291-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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